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behavior in our Capitol Building. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 460 and recommend it be placed on Select File as amended; LB 535 Select File; LB 583 Select File as amended; LB 495 Select File; LB 534 Select File as amended; and LB 440 Select File. Signed Senator Dworak, Chairman. Mr. President, your Committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation gives notice of Committee Hearings. Signed Senator Syas. And, also, Mr. President, Labor Committee. Signed Senator Maresh. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We will move to Item 10 of your Agenda. LR 112 apparently co-authored by Senators Anderson and Marvel.

CLERK: LR 112. It is found on page 317 of the Legislative Journal, introduced by Senators Anderson and Marvel. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson, what shall we do with LR 112?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would move the adoption of the Resolution. I am sure Senator Marvel wants to speak briefly to it, also, but what we are doing is addressing ourselves to a problem that has become a real threat to many, many small communities around the state, including communities that are quite large and we feel quite viable, and this is, of course, the threat of closing the post office in these communities. This is something the Legislature, itself, is not going to be able to change but it is something that we can express some real concern about because we feel that the vitality of our small communities is very important to the total life of Nebraska. What the Resolution does, I feel, is simply express the concern of the Legislature. It is asking that whenever possible that action not be taken to close these service centers, these post offices. I don't think that the Resolution is, at all, saying that the postal service should not take action to improve its efficiency, to improve its cost effectiveness, but it is saying that in these rural areas the level of service is just as important as it is in the urban areas and we feel that that level of service should be retained, that there should be access by the citizenry to good postal service. We feel that this is one of the real purposes of the postal services when it was originated and we are asking the Legislature to go on record as insisting on retaining, maintaining good efficient postal service in all of the small communities in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would only add a couple of points. There is a postal reorganization act of 1971 which, as I understand the act, is set up so that any reorganization of the postal service will attempt to protect rural America as well as urban America. There are two post offices, at